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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 2042

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI UAE

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN SAUDI ARBIA

AMEMBASSY DOHA QATAR

AMEMBASSY JIDDA SAUDI ARABIA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT KUWAIT

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IRAN

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS : PFOR, BA, QA

SUBJECT : BAHRAINI-QATARI RELATIONS

1. IN COURSE APRIL 13 CONVERSATION, AMIR OF BAHRAIN MENTIONED HE QUITE PLEASED WITH GOB'S RELATIONS WITH ITS TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS BUT GROWING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT BAHRAIN'S BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH QATAR. HE HASTENED TO ASSURE ME THAT BASIC BAHRAINI-QATARI RELATIONS ARE GOOD BUT SAID BOTH HE AND QATARI LEADERSHIP HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THERE IS SIGNIFICANT OIL WEALTH IN DISPUTED AREA. ADDED THIS MAKES BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT AND THAT BAHRAIN FRANKLY NEEDS THE OIL. AMIR SAID THERE HAD BEEN HOPE THAT KING FAISAL MIGHT WORK OUT THIS PROBLEM FOR QATAR AND BAHRAIN AND THAT HE WAS NOW LOOKING TO "PRINCE FAHD" (HE QUICKLY ADDED "AND OF COURSE KING KHALID") TO HELP RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE SEEMED TO BE SIGNIFICANT OIL IN AREA IT WAS ALL THAT MORE URGENT TO GET ON WITH AMICABLE  
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SOLUTION. I NOTED THAT WITH ENCOURAGING RECENT HISTORY OF

SETTLING "MAJOR" GULF TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS (IRAN'S CLAIM TO  
BAHRAIN, SAUDI-IRANIAN MEDIAN LINE, BURAIMI ET AL) THERE  
WOULD SEEM TO BE AMPLE PRECEDENTS FOR SETTLING THIS  
PROBLEM. AMIR SORT OF AGREED, WITH A WORRIED AND NOT  
TOTALLY CONVINCED LOOK.  
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